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In re the PATENT application of

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Group Art Unit: 3734

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Member, Kit and Method Relating Thereto

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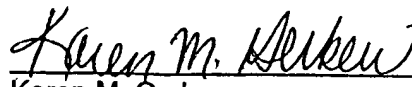
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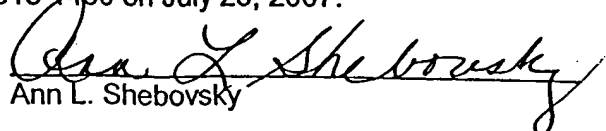
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2007, it is respectfully requested that the subject patent application be amended as follows.